

REMARKS

Amendments are being made to the Specification, Abstract, Drawings and Claims. In the Abstract, reference numerals are added. In the Drawings, items are added or are correctly located. In the claims, in claims 1, 11 and 22, “means” terminology is removed and replaced with an objective reference - - locking section - - , and “distal” is changed to read - - remote - - regarding relative placement of the locking section with respect to the hinge; claim 2 is amended to provide clearer limitations regarding its location; and in dependent claims 3, 16 and 24, “means” terminology is removed and replaced with an objective reference - - securing section - -. New claims 32 to 35 are directed to the embodiment of Figure 7 and depend directly from independent claims 1 and 11 and are therefore requested to be considered with elected claims 1 to 21. New claim 36 is an independent claim directed generically to all disclosed embodiments and is therefore requested to be considered with elected claims 1 to 21. If generic claim 36 is found to be allowable, re-entry of unelected claims 22 to 31 is respectively urged.

In the Specification, grammar and punctuation errors are corrected in Paragraphs [0005], [0021], [0026] and [0028]. In Paragraphs [0008], [0009], [0010], and [0025], “means” terminology is removed and replaced with an objective reference - - a locking section - - . Indirect support for this reference is found in claim 4 as originally filed, and in Paragraphs [0029] and [0031] and by reference to Figures 1 to 4. In Paragraph [0022], a reference to particular Figures is made. In Paragraph [0024], “raised portions 136a,136b” is corrected to - - recessed - - , and “is disposed within” is changed to read - - opposes - -. In Paragraphs [0025] and [0028] the paragraph structure is simplified for clarity. In Paragraph [0027], express support is provided for “securing section”, and in Paragraph [0029] express support is provided

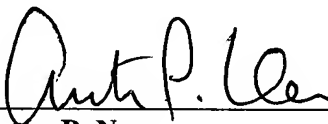
for the locking section or interlocking engagement to be "remote from the hinge" which itself is supported in Figures 1 to 6.

Please charge the requisite fee for six new claims over 20, and 1 new independent claim over 3, totaling \$500, to Deposit Account No. 502434.

No new matter has been entered by the present amendment, and early examination is respectfully requested.

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In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings as indicated in red in the attached marked-up copy and Replacement Sheets enclosed herewith. In Figure 2, item “136a” is deleted from the right side and placed properly in the middle of the right half of the hub; the lead line for “230” is corrected, and the lead lines for “116a” and “116b” are corrected to extends toward the center left of the left side of the hub. In Figure 3, the hub is reversed right to left to correspond with Figure 2, and item “152b” is moved to the right end of the hub section “110”. In Figure 4, items “100,110,130,152a and 152b” are added. In Figure 5, the location of item “210” is corrected. And in Figure 7, dimples (or corresponding holes) are added to the left hub half “310” to correspond to the holes (or dimples) in the right hub half “330”.